

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**December 7, 2018
Public Health Suites A & B
275 East Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wendy Morris, Commissioner
Lori Gresham for Carol Steckel
Becky Cabe for Cora McNabb
Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones
Kellie McCain
Chris George
D. Brandon Griffith
Steve Shannon
Julie Sweets
Darrel Tipton
Lesley Reising
Andrew Venetianer
Karen Herdina

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Feeley, Deputy Secretary
Representative Joni Jenkins
Representative Larry Brown
Senator Tom Buford
Senator Julie Raque-Adams
Missy McKiernan
Berlinda Bazzell
Rita Wooton
Virginia (Jini) Payne
Lynn Braker
Stella Beard

OPENING REMARKS

Commissioner Wendy Morris opened the meeting and welcomed Commission members and members of the audience.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Commissioner Wendy Morris welcomed new member, Darrel Tipton. Darrel Tipton introduced himself as a self-advocate from Morehead, Ky.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Commission did not have a quorum. Approval of draft minutes from September 14, 2018 deferred to the next quarterly meeting. There were no comments or changes noted.

**2018 KENTUCKY NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

Dr. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, executive director of the UK Human Development Institute, presented an update for the 2018 Kentucky National Core Indicators Quality Improvement Committee Recommendations (QIC). She explained the Kentucky Methodology, Purpose of the Committee and presented data collected from the Consumer Survey conducted in 2016/2017. Based on the survey results, the 2018 Committee recommendation areas were employment, health & exercise, medication, and relationships. The data collected shows Kentucky is below the national average in each area. Dr. Sheppard-Jones explained the next steps include sharing at

a glance resources on health, employment and relationships. The QIC added questions on the family survey that address barriers, secondary education, and access to social media.

Dr. Sheppard-Jones requested a future Commission meeting include time designated for brainstorming on relationships and ways to increase community inclusion.

Chris George asked if National Core Indicators (NCI) general population surveys could compare regional cultures in order to determine if we are lower as a whole state or just within the disabled population. Dr. Sheppard-Jones explained that Kentucky has done general population surveys. However, similar surveys are not currently available on a national level for comparison.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

The HB 144 Commission Goals for 2019-2024 developed by the three (3) committees were included in the meeting packet.

Employment Committee

Kellie McCain and Kathy Sheppard-Jones serve as co-chairs of the Employment Committee. Co-Chair Kellie McCain presented the goal and objectives of the Employment Committee. The Employment Committee will meet quarterly. A one-page flyer developed by Jeff White depicting the goal and objectives was included in the meeting materials.

Jeff White is also on the Employment First Council comprised of 27 members. He reported the Council has received a technical assistance grant for strategic planning from the Office for Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). Mr. White provided an informational handout for the Disability Allyship 101 workshop. The workshop will be in Frankfort, Ky. on January 10, 2019 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Community Education/Outreach Committee (CEOC)

Karen Herdina and Brandon Griffith serve as co-chairs of the CEOC. Karen Herdina presented the goals and objectives of the committee. Invitations have been extended to other stakeholders including the Human Development Institute, the Arc of Kentucky, the Commonwealth Council for Developmental Disabilities, and a self-advocate to help determine what resources are currently available in the state. The committee will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month, except in January when they will meet on the 2nd Monday. The next meeting is December 17, 2018. Please contact Karen Herdina, Brandon Griffith, or Barb Locker if you would like to serve on this committee

Health/Wellness Committee

Missy McKiernan and Chris George serve as co-chairs of the Health/Wellness Committee. Chris George and Andrew Venetianer, a member of the committee, reviewed the committee's goals and objectives. Previous work initiated by the former Health/Wellness Committee will continue. This includes accessing and evaluating available data sources that lead to maximizing health and reducing health disparities of people with disabilities, and reducing the usage of polypharmacy. Kathy Sheppard-Jones, a member of the committee, discussed the collaboration between the previous committee and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual

Disabilities. A presentation highlighting findings and next steps is being prepared for the Commission's next quarterly meeting in March.

COMMISSION MEMBER TERM EXPIRATIONS

Commissioner Wendy Morris reported on the member term expirations and explained the necessary steps for members to reapply if interested and eligible for reappointment. A list of members with terms expiring and an application were included in the meeting packet.

HDI UPDATES

HDI is a University Center of Excellence for Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and is the only UCEDD in Kentucky. Dr. Sheppard-Jones provided updates on the organization's current efforts:

- HDI will collaborate with Retaining Kentucky's Workforce through Universal Design (RKW-UD) to help workers stay at work and return to work in the event of injury or illness, using frameworks that are proving to be successful for states around the country.
- HDI received a National Training Center grant in partnership with Utah and Alaska to provide resources and training around people who experience mental illness and intellectual developmental disability.
- Additionally, the Wellness Edge grant funding is providing grants to eight organizations around Kentucky to provide inclusive recreation to people impacted by paralysis and their networks of support.

DMS UPDATES

Lori Gresham provided an update on the continuing process for the 1915c waiver redesign. DMS released Navigant's final report to stakeholders and DMS response. DMS met with legislators to brief them on the report and response. A Rate Methodology Study Work Group was established which contained representation from all service and provider types. The group provided initial feedback on a pilot survey and subsequent full survey. The Department invited all stakeholders to apply for inclusion on the HCBS Advisory Panel or one of three Subpanels. The Department chose panelist for their unique point of view and perspective. The individuals were appointed based on representation of stakeholder types, waiver representation, geographical location and expertise in the panel subject matter.

The next steps include confirming the appointees to the HCBS Advisory Panel and subpanels and conducting kickoff meetings. DMS will release draft waivers and provide educational opportunities about proposed changes. Participant focused webinars will be available.

Public notice is to come out soon that will give the dates of the formal public comment period.

Brandon Griffith shared concerns with E1399 (Medical Equipment and Goods & Services) denials. Lori Gresham recommended that he send specific questions to DMS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen House, Family member

Ms. House asked why the HB 200 report is not public and requested a copy of HB 200 report regarding Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF). Commissioner Morris explained the report regarding HB 200 is submitted to the legislative body but will explore the possibility of making the report available to commission members.

Ms. House reported she is a member of a family group who have family members with severe and profound IDD in ICF settings. They continue to advocate for the right to keep their family members in an ICF long-term. Commissioner Morris agreed that it is necessary to protect the Continuum of Care in Kentucky. Ms. House thanked Commissioner Morris for the support.

COMMISSION MEETING REMINDERS

HB 144 Commission Members reminded of next quarterly meeting on Friday, March 8, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Department for Public Health, 1st Floor Conference Suites A & B, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort.

Meeting Adjourned.